Population Project VIII in Andhra Pradesh

270. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2213, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 2000 and state the achievements made by the World Bank assisted India population project VIII, being implemented in selected cities and towns of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): The World Bank assisted Eighth India Population Project (IPP-VIII) is being implemented in Hyderabad city of Andhra Pradesh since August 6, 1993 at a revised cost of Rs. 53.06 crores with the aim of raising the health and family welfare status of the people living in the urban slums of Hyderabad City. The project was extended to 73 additional cities/towns on 27th January, 2000 of Andhra pradesh at an additional cost of Rs. 47.74 crores. The Project will last till 30th June, 2001. The Ministry has sought extension of time for the additional city component.

The major achievements, so far, *inter-alia* include:

— completion of construction of 21 Urban Health Posts, 3 Maternity Centres, 3 staff quarters and renovation of 23 urban family welfare Centres in Hyderabad City and 16 urban health posts in additional Cities/towns.

— construction of 4 urban health posts, 2 maternity centres and renovation of 10 urban family welfare centres in Hyderabad City, and 106 Urban Health Posts in additional cities/towns is in progress.

— 16429 persons including 7192 link volunteers have been trained so far. the other activities undertaken relate to NGOs, IEC and Innovative Schemes etc.

The Projects has reported, so far, an expenditure of Rs. 36.21 crores in Hyderabad City and Rs. 8.59 crores in additional cities/towns.